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From: David Gleason <carman9653@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:09 AM
To: Richard A. Rainer; Jennifer M. West
Cc: Kevin M Aguiar
Subject: Fw: Town Council Correspondence Item: Little Compton Sakonnet River Resolution
Attachments: Sakonnet River Wind.doc; Sak River Resolution.pdf

At the 6/12/23 TC meeting, I explained that the Little Compton resolution handed to Council President Aguiar at the 5/25/23 Workshop was different from the Resolution that appeared in Correspondence on this meeting Agenda. The correct Resolution, specific to the proposed high voltage cables traversing the Sakonnet River, has since been delivered to the Town Clerk and is attached above together with Councilor Mataronis' commentary.

This Agenda Item is meant to be specific to the Sakonnet River Resolution and my intent is for "Discussion/Action to Support/Not Support Town of Little Compton 2/9/23 Resolution". Please include this email as backup Thanks...Dave Gleason 6/20/23

From: Gary Mataronas <lobster2@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 3:49 PM
To: David Gleason <carman9653@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Town Council Correspondence Item

Hi Dave,

I have attached the resolution which I handed in at the South Coast Wind workshop and it has come to my attention that the resolution against wind farms and not the Sakonnet River Resolution is on the agenda. Will it be possible to include the correct Sakonnet River Resolution that was passed unanimously by the Little Compton Town Council on the agenda.

I have also included the letter I read at the workshop.

Thank you,

Gary Mataronas

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From: David Gleason <carman9653@hotmail.com>
To: Gary Mataronas <lobster2@cox.net>
Sent: 6/11/2023 2:49:15 PM
Subject: Re: Town Council Correspondence Item

Hi Gary, I just wanted to let you know that the LC SouthCoast Wind Resolution is on our Town Council correspondence for tomorrow night. I hope to have it up for discussion in 2 weeks...Dave Gleason

From: David Gleason <carman9653@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Jennifer M. West <jwest@portsmouthri.gov>
Cc: Richard A. Rainer <rrainer@portsmouthri.com>; Kevin M Aguiar <kaguiar@portsmouthri.gov>
Subject: Town Council Correspondence Item

Jenn, at the 5/25/23 TC Workshop, a Little Compton Town Councilor spoke and handed a copy of LC's Resolution (A Resolution in Opposition to Offshore Wind Turbines Sited Off Little Compton) to the Council (maybe to Kevin?). I checked with Mandy this morning to see if she had it with any of the other papers she

had received that night, but she advised, that she did not. She did advise that she did have a copy of the resolution as it was previously submitted in April, she thought, but probably was not put on an agenda.

Please consider this email as my request to place the Little Compton Resolution on the 6/12/23 Town Council agenda as/under Correspondence. Thanks...Dave Gleason



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WHEREAS: The Town of Little Compton is bordered on its long western shore entirely by the Sakonnet River, and

WHEREAS: The Sakonnet River is home to a wide variety of fin fish and shellfish, with virtually no industrial development on its shoreline, and

WHEREAS: The entirety of the river is used year-round for commercial and recreational fishing, as well as recreational boating, and

WHEREAS: The installation in the river of high power electrical transmission cables from off-shore wind turbines would subject its ecosystems to unpredictable risks and damage, and

WHEREAS: The intended destination of the cables and beneficiary of the revenues their electricity produces is a power plant in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and

WHEREAS: An alternative overland path with few attendant drawbacks has not been sufficiently explored.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Little Compton Town Council supports the exploration of a cable path alongside State Route 88 in Westport, Massachusetts, which would carry none of the attendant risks of the current plan, and traverses an area relatively free of private residences or businesses.

Voted this 9th day of February, 2023 by the Little Compton Town Council.

Robert L. Mushen, Town Council President

Attest:

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk

I am on the LC Town Council and also a commercial fisherman that moors his boat at Sakonnet harbor. I have been asked to supply comments/questions about the Mayflower Wind cable running up the Sakonnet River. I also represented the fishermen when CRMC was contemplating the placement and impacts of the five Block Island wind turbines.

We have many fishing boats that sail out of Sakonnet. How will these be impacted while laying the cable?

We, the fishermen, are very concerned about electromagnet currents given off by the cables. All fish, and especially crustaceans, are very sensitive to any form of electrical current. They will disperse from any area that generates electrical currents. Will the cables give off electrical currents that will disperse our sea life?

The Sakonnet River, all the way up to and including Mount Hope Bay, has immense amounts of quahog beds that are a major source of income to our quahog fishermen. How will the dredging for the cable effect these beds? Previously there were a few boats that would dredge quahogs with a dredge that went six inches to a foot into the sea floor. How will these interact with the cables?

We also have many conch pots, fish pots, lobster pots, and gill nets fishing in the Sakonnet River from March through November. We are very concerned this fishing gear will be damaged during laying of the cables. We also want to make sure our sea life is not dispersed from the area and create a dead zone.

There are several dragger fishermen that tow nets behind them on the sea floor. How will these react with the laying of the cables and after the cables are placed.

When the Sakonnet River is being dredged for the cables we anticipate there will be massive mud plumes created. When lobsters, crabs, and fish ingest the mud from these plumes it blocks their gills and they die. We do not want a massive die-off of our sea life in and around the Sakonnet River.

We have a great contingent of recreational boaters at Sakonnet Harbor that most likely will be effected when the cable is being laid. Many of these boaters are recreational fishermen that contribute greatly to the Town and we don't want them negatively impacted by the laying of the cable or any current coming from the cable. How will this be mitigated?

As most people know Sakonnet Point is a stopover port for boats coming from other ports and then heading to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. It is also a stopping point for boats when there is thick fog. How will these boats be effected.

There are two pipelines that run across the Sakonnet River in the seabed. One is a gas pipeline and the other is a water pipeline from the Watson Reservoir. How does MW plan on securing and getting past them?

Obviously there will be an aesthetic depletion from all the Little Compton, Middletown, Tiverton, and Fall River shorelines while the cables are being laid in the Sakonnet River. Also, many restaurants and beaches will be negatively impacted while the cables are being laid.

The Town wholeheartedly concurs and supports the questions raised by the Town of Portsmouth.

Respectfully,
Gary Mataronas
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